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Memories of Evhenia Horot

On September 3, 2023, Evhenia Horot would have turned eighty.

She could still be among us today. However, she passed into eternity on the eve of Easter 6 years ago (April 13, 2017).

An outstanding Ukrainian scientist, PhD in Philology, professor, founder, and long-term head of the English Conversational Department (1993-2017) at Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, was an outstanding figure in the educational community of Ukraine.

Her works include about 100 scientific publications: 1 monograph, 13 textbooks (11 of them with the seal of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Ukraine and 2 with the seal of Lesya Ukrainka VNU), ten dictionaries, as well as numerous scientific articles, theses and methodological recommendations that reveal the entire range of activities of scientists from 1980 to 2017.

Evhenia Horot was born on September 3, 1943, in the village of Mokyn, Berezniv district, Rivne region. In 1960, she graduated from Mokvinsk secondary school. And then, as Evhenia Ivanovna pointed out, she did not choose her fate, but it was fate that chose her.

Timely advice helped me choose the following path – the study at the Lutsk State Pedagogical Institute, named after Lesya Ukrainka. 1966 she graduated from the institute with a “Secondary school English language teacher” diploma. From 1966 to 1969, she worked as an English teacher at secondary school No. 7 in Lutsk. Evhenia Ivanivna always remembered with gratitude the talented people who determined her future way. The Kyiv State Institute of Foreign Languages became a second scientific home for graduate student Evhenia Horot, and wise mentors Valentyna Perebijnis and Georgiy

Pocheptsov taught her essential lessons in professionalism and dedication to science.

In January 1984, she defended her candidate's thesis on the topic “Comparative analysis of the phonemic structure of the morpheme and the composition (based on the adjectives of the modern English language)” with the speciality 10.02.04 – Germanic languages (diploma FL No. 006867).

From 1969 to 2017, Evhenia Ivanivna's life was closely connected with Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, where she taught English until the last day of her life. Open, patient, and benevolent, teacher Evhenia Ivanivna loved students and gave them all her knowledge and experience. “My work brings me joy”, she said.

Having founded the Conversational English Department in 1993, Evhenia Horot began her titanic scientific activity. The tireless, hard-working scientist headed two vectors of her department's development.

The first vector of her further work was a lexicographic activity. Since 1990, a lexicographic research laboratory has been working at Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University. During this time, ten dictionaries were compiled and successfully distributed throughout Ukraine.

These are “The English-Ukrainian Dictionary”, “The Ukrainian-English Dictionary”, “The Ukrainian-English Business Person's Dictionary”, “The English-Ukrainian Semantic and Verbal Dictionary”, “The English-Ukrainian Thematic Dictionary” and others. The latest additions of the laboratory were “The English-Ukrainian phraseological dictionary” and “The English-Ukrainian dictionary-reference for foreigners”. Unfortunately, thanks to her followers, “The Ukrainian-English Thematic Dictionary” was published after April 13, 2017.

The scientific growth of her department was the second vector of Evhenia Horot's activity. She successfully supervised and helped defend 15 dissertations for the PhD in Philology title. Scientific investigations in lexical semantics, functional grammar, quantitative linguistics, and lexicography occurred under her supervision.

Evhenia Horot was very happy with the graduate students' success. She admitted that this success outweighed that she had not become a Doctor of Sciences.

Still, there was much work, and the scientist needed to pay attention to the rest. An active scientific activity resulted in the following achievements:

1. The Academic Specialized Academic Council Member K. 35.051.15 at Ivan Franko Lviv National University.

2. Member of the journal editorial board “Scientific Bulletin of Lesya Ukrainka East European National University”, series: Philological sciences. Linguistics. (Deputy Chairman).

3. The Member of the Academic Council of the Foreign Philology Faculty.

4. The scientific leader of the educational and scientific laboratory of lexicographic research (on a public basis).

5. The Head of the Scientific School “Modern Lexicography: Problems and Prospects”.

6. The Coordinator of the annual International Scientific Conference “The Priorities of Germanic and Romance Philology and Literature”.

7. The “Excellence of Education of Ukraine” sign winner (1997).

8. The “Honored Professor” sign winner (2005).

9. The gold badge of Lesya Ukrainka SNU winner (2009).

A new page of the scientist’s rich life is the initiation, organization and holding of the International Scientific Conference “The Priorities of Germanic and Romance Philology and Literature” (since 2007). The successful start made the conference famous in Ukraine; it united the west and the east, the north, and the south of the country, and even more – it crossed its borders. The participants of the conference had the opportunity to hear the speeches of such outstanding scientists of the leading Ukrainian universities as Professor Oleksandr Kolesnyk, Professor Larysa Taranenko, Professor Maria Ivanytska, Professor Anatoliy Zahnitko, Professor Iryna Morozova, and others. Also presented were the scientific reports of the teachers from Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University: Professor Nina Danyiuk, Professor Oksana Rohach, Professor Valentyna Ushchyna, Professor Iryna Biskub, Professor Tatiana Krysanova, Professor Serhiy Zasekin, etc.

The expansion of the conference boundaries allowed its participants to familiarize themselves with the scientific research of foreign colleagues: Valery Polkovsky, Doctor of Philosophy, independent researcher, president of the company “Eastern European Opportunities” (St. et al.); Alla Tovares, PhD, Howard University, USA; Jesse James, founder and executive director of the American educational company “Global Leadership” (USA); Claire et al. of German and Affiliate Professor of Education (the University of California, Berkeley); Tomas Rosen, head of the Slavic department of Gothenburg University, senior lecturer, head of the “Swedish-Ukrainian-Georgian Online Dictionary Project”; Russell et al. (Canada); Yassine

Adjabi, PhD, University of Algiers 2 named after Abu Al-Kasem Saadallah; Fouzia Amrouche, PhD, University of Msil, Algeria; Imadedin Raef, writer, translator (Republic of Lebanon).

Today, the International Scientific Conference “The Priorities of Germanic and Romance Philology and Literature” continues to provide a platform for speakers of all scientific levels, from doctors to masters, speakers not only from Ukraine but also from all corners of the scientific world.

The further life of her scientific traditions is a worthy continuation of Yevhenia Horot’s tireless work. “Scientific Readings” dedicated to her memory are held annually under the leadership of Professor Elina Koliada.

The foundation of the English-language scientific journal “Research Trends of Modern Linguistics and Literature”, which will expand the horizons of scientific platforms, is a matter of gratitude to our scientific supervisor.